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2006/6. UNICEF post-crisis transition strategy in support of the medium-term strategic plan

The Executive Board

Endorses the UNICEF transition strategy as contained in document E/ICEF/2006/17 and Corr.1 as the support strategy for the medium-term strategic plan for its programmes in situations of transition from relief to development.

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2006/7. Review of the UNICEF cost-recovery policy

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* the report on the review of the UNICEF cost-recovery policy (E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.4) and acknowledges the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (E/ICEF/2006/AB/L.5);

2. *Stresses* that regular resources, *inter alia*, because of their untied nature, are the bedrock of the operational activities of UNICEF and, in this regard, notes with serious concerns the stagnation of regular resources available to UNICEF and encourages all donors to strive to increase contributions to regular resources;

3. *Recalls* the objectives set out in decision 2003/9 that other resources should support the medium strategic plan (MTSP) priorities and that regular resources should not subsidize the support costs for other resources programmes;

4. *Encourages* UNICEF to apply procedures that reduce transaction costs for other resources programmes and eliminate the subsidy of support costs for other programmes by regular resources;

5. *Recognizes* that the UNICEF recovery policy should be assessed within the broader framework of enhancing partnerships to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals for children;

6. *Concurs* with the basic objectives of simplification, harmonization and fiscal prudence guiding the recovery policy;

7. *Decides* that:

(a) A base recovery rate of 7 per cent be adopted for other resources income, with thematic contributions assessed at 5 per cent;

(b) The current rate of 5 per cent for non-thematic funding raised by the private sector in programme countries be maintained;

(c) A 1-per-cent reduction be assessed to joint programmes, where the Executive Director considers this is in the best interests of enhancing the collective efforts of United Nations agencies;

(d) A 1-per-cent reduction be assessed for contributions over $40 million, where the Executive Director is satisfied that economies of scale are met.

8. *Requests* the Executive Director, in close cooperation with the UNDG members, to present a status report in 2007 on the progress towards harmonization on cost recovery, including information on cost-recovery methodologies;

9. *Requests* the Executive Director to keep the Board informed on a regular basis on the actual costs recovered, and on the impact of the applied rates on regular and other resources.

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2006/8. Report on UNICEF engagement in sector-wide approaches

The Executive Board

1. *Welcomes* UNICEF efforts and thorough analysis to systematize its contribution to sector-wide approaches;

2. *Recommends* that UNICEF provide regular updates on this issue as part of the results frameworks included in the Annual Report of the Executive Director.

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2006/9. The evaluation function in UNICEF

The Executive Board:

1. *Welcomes* the report on the evaluation function (E/ICEF/2006/15) requested in its decision 2004/9;

2. *Notes* the definition of the Norms and Standards for evaluation by the United Nations system in 2005 through the United Nations Evaluation Group and the role of UNICEF in their development as well as its contribution to strengthening evaluation as a United Nations system function;

3. *Recalls* General Assembly resolution 59/250 of 22 December 2004 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system, which stresses that national Governments have the primary responsibility for coordinating external assistance and evaluating its contribution to national priorities;

4. *Calls on* UNICEF to conduct evaluations of operations at the country level in close association with national Governments and to assist Governments in the development of national evaluation capacities;

5. *Requests* that UNICEF prepare a comprehensive evaluation policy for consideration by the Executive Board at its annual session in 2007;

6. *Requests* that UNICEF focus more on evaluating the results of the medium-term strategic plan and country programmes and also evaluate the results of its humanitarian response;

7. *Requests* that, as of the annual meeting of 2008, UNICEF submit a biennial report on the implementation of the evaluation policy, including evaluation expenditures and funding sources, at various levels of the organization.

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2006/10. Draft country programme documents

The Executive Board

Approves the aggregate indicative budgets for the following country programmes of cooperation:

Region/country	*Period*	*Regular resources*	*Other resources*	*Document E/ICEF/2006/*
Eastern and Southern Africa				
Ethiopia	2007-2011	119 750 000	350 000 000	P/L.2 and Corr.1
Malawi	2007	6 492 000	19 055 000	P/L.3
Mozambique	2007-2009	22 653 000	66 000 000	P/L.4
Rwanda	2007	4 949 000	8 000 000	P/L.5
West and Central Africa				
Equatorial Guinea	2007	736 000	390 000	P/L.7
Gabon	2007-2011	3 075 000	4 160 000	P/L.8
Guinea	2007-2011	17 000 000	27 200 000	P/L.9
Sao Tome and Principe	2007-2011	3 300 000	2 000 000	P/L.10
Togo	2007	2 269 000	2 529 000	P/L.11
East Asia and the Pacific				
Thailand	2007-2011	5 000 000	22 500 000	P/L.12
Bhutan	2007	966 000	2 000 000	P/L.13
Nepal	2007	5 250 000	13 700 000	P/L.14
Sri Lanka	2007	800 000	11 000 000	P/L.15
CEE and CIS				
Republic of Moldova	2007-2011	3 595 000	15 250 000	P/L.16
Middle East and North Africa				
Algeria	2007-2011	5 410 000	2 500 000	P/L.17
Egypt	2007-2011	13 195 000	31 805 000	P/L.18
Iraq	2007-2010	8 436 000	300 000 000	P/L.19
Lebanon	2007	616 000	1 200 000	P/L.20
Morocco	2007-2011	6 700 000	11 000 000	P/L.21
Oman	2007-2010	--	4 000 000	P/L.22
Sudan	2007	6 169 000	90 000 000	P/L.23
Syrian Arab Republic	2007-2011	4 605 000	1 450 000	P/L.24
Tunisia	2007-2011	3 320 000	3 000 000	P/L.25
Yemen	2007-2011	24 035 000	28 250 000	P/L.26

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2006/11. Recommendation for additional regular resources for approved country programmes

The Executive Board

Approves a total of $51,603,065 in regular resources to fund the approved country programmes of 38 countries (shown in tables 1 and 2 below) for 2006 and for 2007, whose regular resources planning levels, based on the modified allocation system and estimated global levels of programmable regular resources, are higher than the balance of approved funds for these countries:

Table 1.
Additional regular resources (RR) for 2006
(In United States dollars)

Region/country	Document E/ICEF/	Approved programme duration	2006 RR Planning Level	2006 RR Balance	Additional 2006 RR to be approved
			(A)	(B)	(A-B)
Americas and the Caribbean					
Brazil	2001/P/L.20 and Add.1	2002-2006	924 000	840 000	84 000
Eastern and Southern Africa					
Ethiopia	2001/P/L.2 and Add.1	2002-2006	23 950 000	21 771 999	2 178 001
Malawi	2001/P/L.4 and Add.1	2002-2006	6 492 000	5 944 999	547 001
Rwanda	2000/P/L.1 and Add.1	2001-2006	4 949 000	4 499 000	450 000
Zambia	2001/P/L.9 and Add.1	2002-2006	5 012 000	4 686 000	326 000
Zimbabwe	2004/P/L.4 and Rev.1	2005-2006	2 223 000	2 021 000	202 000
Middle East and North Africa					
Iraq	2004/P/L.22 and Rev.1	2005-2006	2 109 000	2 014 000	95 000
Yemen	2001/P/L.49 and Add.1	2002-2006	4 807 000	4 651 000	156 000
East Asia and the Pacific					
Dem. People's Rep. of Korea.	2003/P/L.10	2004-2006	1 216,000	1 186 007	29 993
South Asia					
Nepal	2001/P/L.39 and Add.1	2002-2006	5 250 000	5 000 000	250 000
West and Central Africa					
Central African Republic	2001/P/L.10 and Add.1	2002-2006	2 313 000	2 155 999	157 001
Gambia	2001/P/L.13 and Add.1	2002-2006	974 000	970 999	3 001
Guinea	2001/P/L.14 and Add.1	2002-2006	3 400 000	3 201 000	199 000
Mali[1]	2002/P/L.6 and Add.1	2003-2007	7 377 000	7 073 242	303 758
Senegal	2001/P/L.17 and Add.1	2002-2006	3 165 000	3 008 999	156 001
Total					**5 136 756**

[1] Mali requires approval for additional RR for both 2006 and 2007 ($303,758 and $7,377,000 respectively) and is therefore included in both tables.

Table 2.
Additional regular resources (RR) for 2007
(In United States dollars)

Region/country	Document E/ICEF/	Approved programme duration	2007 RR Planning Level	2007 RR Balance	Additional 2007 RR to be approved
			(A)	(B)	(A-B)
Americas and the Caribbean					
Bolivia	2002/P/L.8 and Add.1	2003-2007	1 294 000	712 396	581 604
Chile[2]	2004/P/L.6 and Rev.1	2005-2009	400 000	100 392	299 608
Colombia	2001/P/L.21 and Add.1	2002-2007	892 000	800 544	91 456
Eastern Caribbean	2002/P/L.9 and Add.1	2003-2007	1 600 000	1 300 000	300 000
Venezuela	2001/P/L.34 and Add.1	2002-2007	600 000	24 982	575 018
Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States					
Tajikistan[3]	2004/P/L.17 and Rev.1	2005-2009	2 218 000	2 173 000	45 000
Eastern and Southern Africa					
Botswana	2002/P/L.1 and Add.1	2003-2007	630 000	600 051	29 949
Burundi	2004/P/L.2 and Rev.1	2005-2007	4 386 000	2 537 608	1 848 392
Comoros	2002/P/L.2 and Add.1	2003-2007	743 000	527 000	216 000
Lesotho	2001/P/L.3 and Add.1	2002-2007	1 034 000	773 199	260 801
Somalia[4]	2003/P/L.4	2004-2008	6 481 000	4 859 000	1 622 000
Middle East and North Africa					
Djibouti	2002/P/L.14 and Add.1	2003-2007	790 000	438 483	351 517
East Asia and the Pacific					
Pacific Islands	2002/P/L.10 and Add.1	2003-2007	3 000 000	762 404	2 237 596
Papua New Guinea	2002/P/L.11 and Add.1	2003-2007	1 430 000	537 668	892 332
Timor-Leste	2005/P/L.10	2006-2007	1 125 000	919 000	206 000
South Asia					
India	2002/P/L.12 and Add.1	2003-2007	32 579 000	31 133 366	1 445 634
Maldives	2002/P/L.13 and Add.1	2003-2007	734 000	435 113	298 887
West and Central Africa					
Benin[5]	2003/P/L.5	2004-2008	2 863 000	1 831 000	1 032 000
Côte d'Ivoire	2002/P/L.4 and Add.1	2003-2007	4 052 000	3 118 762	933 238
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2005/P/L.33	2006-2007	24 122,000	19 736,000	4 386 000
Mali	2002/P/L.6 and Add.1	2003-2007	7 377 000	0	7 377 000
Niger	2003/P/L.7	2004-2007	9 343 000	311 255	9 031 745
Nigeria	2001/P/L.15 and Add.1	2002-2007	24 217 000	15 659 218	8 557 782
Sierra Leone	2003/P/L.8	2004-2007	4 245 000	398 250	3 846 750
Total					**46 466 309**
Grand total for 2006 and 2007 (Table 1 + Table 2)					**51 603 065**

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[2] Any additional allocation for Chile in 2008 will be included in next year's proposal to the Executive Board.
[3] Any additional allocation for Tajikistan in 2008 will be included in next year's proposal to the Executive Board.
[4] Any additional allocation for Somalia in 2008 will be included in next year's proposal to the Executive Board.
[5] Any additional allocation for Benin in 2008 will be included in next year's proposal to the Executive Board.

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2006/12. UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award

The Executive Board,

Having considered the recommendation of the secretariat proposing changes to the UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award (E/ICEF/2006/16),

Decides that the procedure related to objectives, recipients, nominations, selection and value for the UNICEF Maurice Pate Award be amended to reflect the following:

1. Objectives and criteria

The Award will be titled "The UNICEF Maurice Pate Leadership for Children Award". The Award will be granted to an individual or organization displaying extraordinary example and exemplary innovation and inspirational leadership in contributing to the advancement of the UNICEF mandate for children on a national, regional and global scale. In selecting a recipient, consideration will be given to those individuals or organizations whose activities (a) provide for meaningful results for the betterment of children and young people's condition; and (b) encourage activities with a potential for multiplying positive effects for children in their community.

The Award not only will be conferred on the basis of recipients' previous work but will also be considered a grant in support of the continued work of the individual or organization in carrying out the above objectives.

2. Recipients

The Award may be conferred upon an institution, agency or individual, but not upon a Government or a Head of State or Government. The Award will not be conferred upon any United Nations organization or official. Caution will be exercised in the selection to ensure that a selected recipient does not inappropriately figure within the national political processes. Due regard will be given to the principle of equitable geographical balance.

3. Nominations

The Executive Director will invite nominations for the Award from United Nations Member States and Observers, specialized agencies, UNICEF Country Representatives, Regional Directors and other secretariat offices, and National Committees for UNICEF in order to ensure a broad range of nominations.

4. Selection Committee

The secretariat, in close consultation with the Bureau, will create a Selection Committee comprising up to seven independent, eminent persons who will be knowledgeable about the Award's criteria and who have demonstrated commitment to humanitarian principles.

5. Selection process

The Selection Committee, with the assistance of the secretariat, will receive nominations for t Award through the secretariat. After a comprehensive review and evaluation of the nominees, the Committee will submit to the Executive Board, through the Executive Director and after prior consultation with the Bureau, a single recommendation for approval by the Board.

6. Value

The Award will not necessarily be of monetary value. It may be bestowed as a symbolic appreciation of an individual's or organization's dedication to the cause of children. When of monetary value, the Award will confer no more than $50,000 in any one year, the amount to be met from regular resources.

7. Award ceremony

The Award will be bestowed at a public ceremony, thereby drawing further attention to the wor of the recipient and to the mandate of UNICEF on behalf of children.

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